

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 2 (underneath the title), insert – Background of the Invention –;

Page 2, between lines 6 and 7 insert – Summary of the Invention –;

Delete lines 18-20 as follows:

~~"These and additional objects have in a surprising way succeeded to be attained by providing the tool with the features defined in the independent claims. Preferred embodiments of the present invention are defined in the dependent claims."~~

and substitute the following:

– These and additional objects have in a surprising way successfully been attained by providing the tool with the features defined herein. Preferred embodiments of the present invention are also defined herein.

Brief Description of the Drawings –;

Page 3, before line 1 insert – Description of the Preferred Embodiments –; and

Insert the following Abstract at the appropriate location:

– Abstract of the Disclosure

An edge-provided tool, such as a doctor blade, is provided for use as a wiping tool in production of pulp and/or paper in different stages of the production process. An edge-provided strip of steel has an edge portion provided with wear-resistant coating applied by laser technique, so that metallurgical binding is present between the coating and steel strip and a level of surface hardness of more than 850 HV is attained. Thus, a wear-resistant doctor blade having long service life is attained. –.